

BANKRUPTCY COURT

Bankruptcy Case Processing Measures

The District of Idaho Bankruptcy Court has done a fantastic job in processing its caseload in an efficient and expeditious manner. This is exemplified by the fact that we routinely exceed the national average in most categories. In fact, 1998

figures reflected an improvement over 1997 figures in twelve out of fourteen categories. This outstanding achievement is directly attributable to the hard work on the part of the judges, court staff, U.S. Trustees, and panel trustees.

Bankruptcy Proceeding Processing Measures *			
	District of Idaho 1998	District of Idaho 1997	National Average 1997
Chapter 7 Proceedings			
Median Disposition Time (months)	4.3	3.9	4.2
Pending-to Filing Ratio	0.53	0.70	0.50
Percent Reaching 2 Years Old	1.3%	4.0%	2.0%
Percent Reaching 4 Years Old	0.3%	0.7%	0.40%
Percent Reaching 6 Years Old	0.1%	0.64%	0.36%
Weighted Case Age Measure	-	163	100
Chapter 11 Proceedings			
Adjusted Pending-to-Filing Ratio	2.09	2.82	3.14
Percent Reaching 2 Years Old	20.0%	25.7%	27.5%
Percent Reaching 4 Years Old	7.0%	10.5%	13.7%
Percent Reaching 6 Years Old	0.3%	1.1%	3.7%
Weighted Case Age Measure	-	75	100
Chapter 13 Proceedings			
Percent Reaching 6 Years Old	0.3%	0.6%	0.6%
Adversary Proceedings			
Pending-to Filing Ratio	0.53	0.66	1.06
Percent Reaching 1 Year Old	12.9%	8.3%	13.4%
Percent Reaching 2 Years Old	2.6%	3.9%	6.6%
Percent Reaching 3 Years Old	0.2%	0.3%	3.5%
Weighted Case Age Measure	-	45	100

* 1998 National averages were not yet available at time of printing.

Bankruptcy Workload

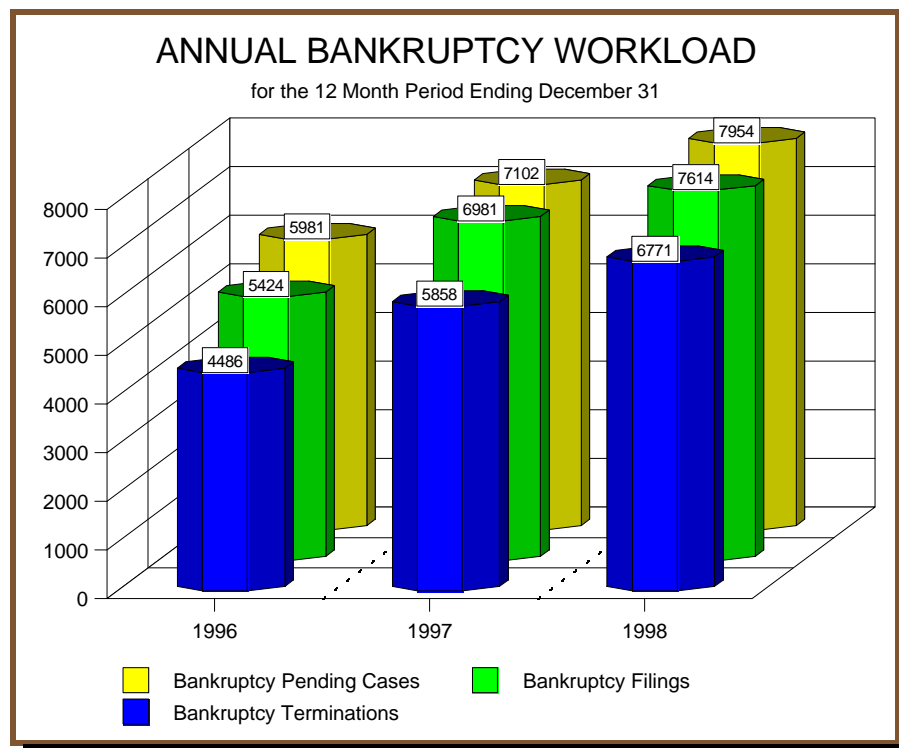
Bankruptcy filings increased by 9% during 1998 on top of a 29% increase the year before.

Bankruptcy terminations rose by 16%, while pending bankruptcy proceedings went up 12%.

Bankruptcy Proceedings For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
	1996	% Change	1997	% Change	1998
Filings *	5,421	29%	6,977	9%	7,608
Oregon Referrals ♣	3	33%	4	50%	6
Total Filings	5,424	29%	6,981	9%	7,614
Terminations **	4,486	31%	5,858	16%	6,771
Pending Proceedings ♠	5,981	19%	7,102	12%	7,954

* Includes re-openings ** Includes Oregon closings ♠ Includes Oregon Proceedings

♣ Malheur County, Oregon proceedings are filed in Portland and referred to the District of Idaho for administration. Upon closure of the file, it is returned to Oregon. In 1968, the United States Judicial Conference established concurrent jurisdiction for the District of Idaho with Malheur County in the District of Oregon.



Bankruptcy Filings by Chapter

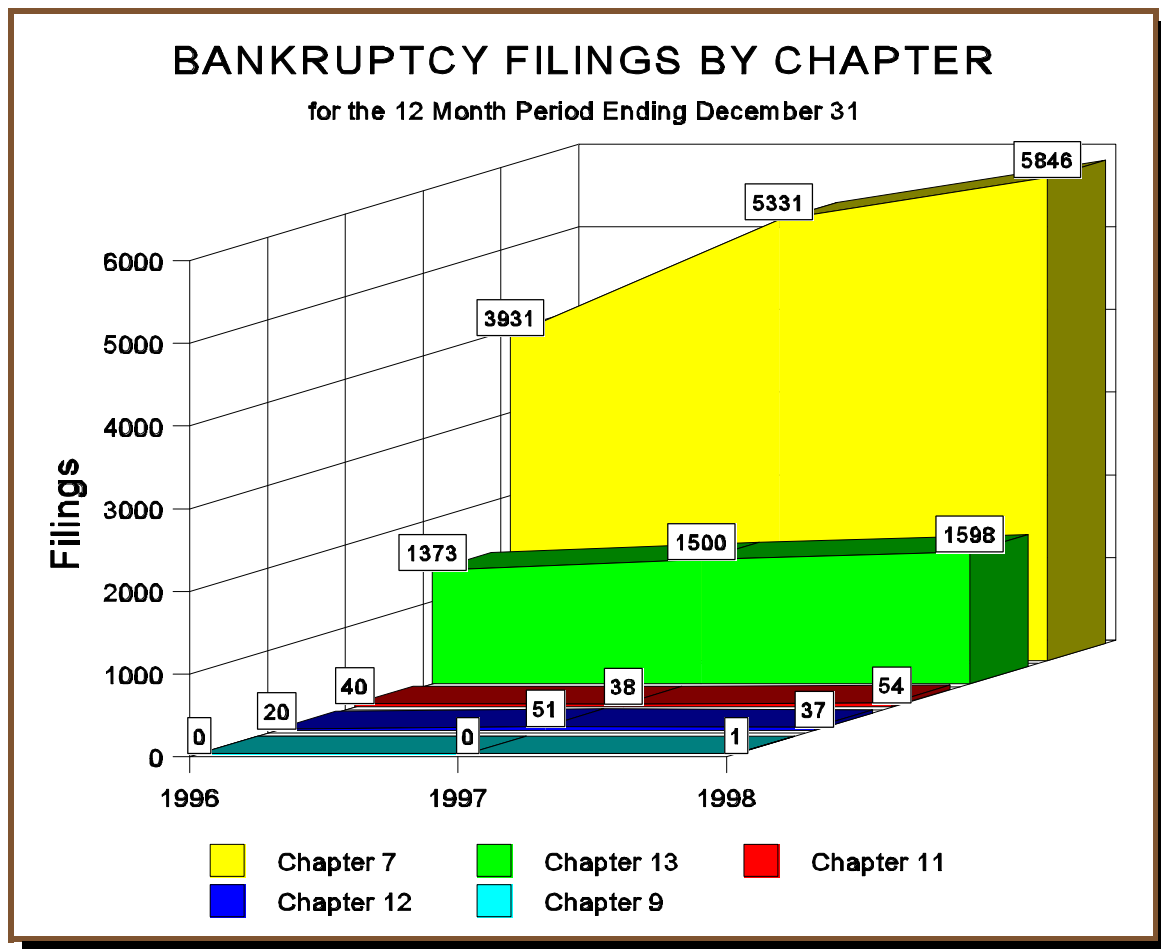
Bankruptcy Chapter 7s, which represent the largest volume of bankruptcy proceedings, rose 10% during 1998. Chapter 13s increased 7%,

Chapter 11s went up 42%, while Chapter 12s declined by 27%. The lone Chapter 9 filing was the first ever.

Bankruptcy Filings by Chapter For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
	1996	% Change	1997	% Change	1998
Chapter 7	3,931	36%	5,331	10%	5,846
Chapter 9	0	-	0	-	1
Chapter 11	40	-5%	38	42%	54
Chapter 12	20	155%	51	-27%	37
Chapter 13	1,373	9%	1,500	7%	1,598
Sub-Total	5,364	29%	6,920	9%	7,536
Reopenings	57	0%	57	26%	72
Oregon Referrals	3	33%	4	50%	6
Total	5,424	29%	6,981	9%	7,614

Oregon Bankruptcy Referrals by Chapter For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31, 1998	
Chapter 7	6
Chapter 11	0
Chapter 12	0
Chapter 13	0
Total	6

Bankruptcy Reopenings by Chapter For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31, 1998	
Chapter 7	65
Chapter 11	0
Chapter 12	1
Chapter 13	6
Total	72



Bankruptcy Filings by Chapter and Location

The number of bankruptcy filings increased at every divisional office. While bankruptcy filings rose by only 3% in Boise, the filings in all divisional offices were up "double digits." Coeur d'Alene bankruptcy filings increased 15%. Pocatello experienced a 13% increase in bankruptcy filings, while Moscow went up 14%.

Chapter 7s, which comprise the largest category of bankruptcy filings, increased by 1% in Boise, 21% in Coeur d'Alene, 13% in Pocatello,

17% in Twin Falls, and 19% in Moscow. Chapter 13s, which constitute the second largest category in this District, increased by 9% in Boise, 11% in Pocatello, and 17% in Twin Falls. Coeur d'Alene Chapter 13 filings declined by 14% and Moscow declined by 3%. Since there are relatively few Chapter 11 and Chapter 12 bankruptcy filings in Idaho, any change whatsoever results in wild swings in percentages.

Bankruptcy Filings by Chapter and Location For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31						
	Boise	Pocatello	Moscow	Coeur d'Alene	Twin Falls	Total
Chapter 7						
1996	1,856	745	249	601	480	3,931
% Change	28%	50%	44%	43%	28%	36%
1997	2,378	1,120	358	859	616	5,331
% Change	1%	13%	19%	21%	17%	10%
1998	2,396	1,269	426	1,037	718	5,846
Chapter 11						
1996	15	6	2	7	10	40
% Change	-47%	33%	-100%	100%	-20%	-5%
1997	8	8	0	14	8	38
% Change	50%	88%	-	-14%	50%	42%
1998	12	15	3	12	12	54
Chapter 12						
1996	6	5	2	1	6	20
% Change	167%	340%	-100%	0%	100%	155%
1997	16	22	0	1	12	51
% Change	-56%	-27%	-	100%	0%	-27%
1998	7	16	0	2	12	37
Chapter 13						
1996	883	171	82	173	64	1,373
% Change	6%	29%	60%	-16%	11%	9%
1997	932	220	131	146	71	1,500
% Change	9%	11%	-3%	-14%	17%	7%
1998	1,019	244	127	125	83	1,598
Total						
1996	2,760	927	335	782	560	5,364
% Change	21%	48%	46%	30%	26%	29%
1997	3,334	1,370	489	1,020	707	6,920
% Change	3%	13%	14%	15%	17%	9%
1998	3,435*	1,544	556	1,176	825	7,536

* Includes one Chapter 9 filing in Boise.

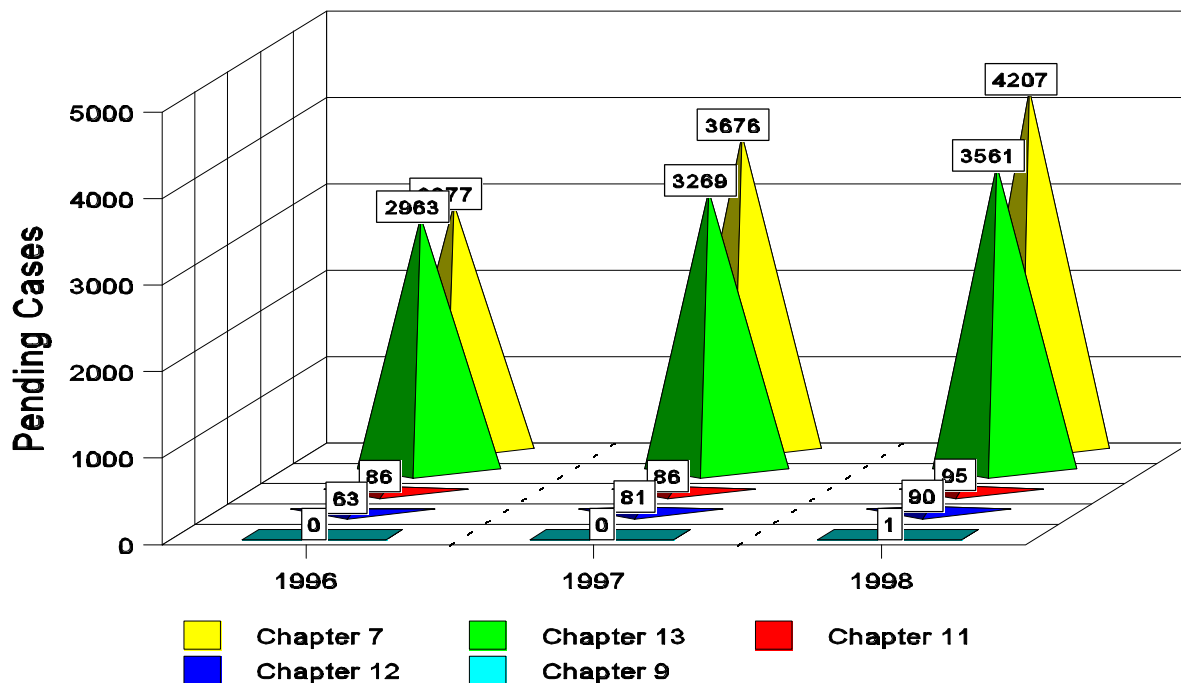
Pending Bankruptcy Proceedings by Chapter

Overall, the number of pending Bankruptcy proceedings increased by 12% in 1998 due primarily to the 14% rise in pending Chapter 7

matters. Pending Chapter 13s went up by 9%, pending Chapter 12s increased by 11%, while pending Chapter 11s rose by 10%.

Pending Bankruptcy Proceedings by Chapter For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
	1996	% Change	1997	% Change	1998
Chapter 7	2,877	28%	3,676	14%	4,207
Chapter 9	0	-	0	-	1
Chapter 11	86	0%	86	10%	95
Chapter 12	63	29%	81	11%	90
Chapter 13	2,963	10%	3,269	9%	3,561
Total	5,989	19%	7,112	12%	7,954

PENDING BANKRUPTCY CASES BY CHAPTER for the 12 Month Period Ending December 31



Adversary Bankruptcy Proceedings

During 1998, adversary bankruptcy proceedings filings decreased by 10%. Pending

adversary proceedings declined by 30% while adversary terminations increased by 18%.

Bankruptcy Adversary Proceedings For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
	1996	% Change	1997	% Change	1998
Filings	264	53%	404	-10%	363
Terminations	360	-8%	333	18%	394
Pending Proceedings	175	53%	267	-30%	186

Bankruptcy Hearings in Divisional Offices

Bankruptcy court hearing hours increased by 7% during 1998. The most significant increases occurred in Pocatello, up 37%, and Twin Falls, up 48%. Conversely, bankruptcy hearing hours in

Boise declined by 3%, while Moscow dropped by 24% and Couer d'Alene remained virtually unchanged.

Bankruptcy Court Hours by Hearing Location For the 12 Month Period Ending December 31					
Location	1996	% Change	1997	% Change	1998
Boise	292	-3%	283	-3%	275
Twin Falls	27	-22%	21	48%	31
Pocatello	204	-27%	148	37%	203
Moscow	57	11%	63	-24%	48
Coeur d'Alene	117	-16%	98	-1%	97
Total *	697	-12%	613	7%	654

* Judge Pappas also conducted telephone hearings on 150 California bankruptcy proceedings during 1997 and logged approximately 35 hours in San Diego during 1998.

